

IMMIGRANT SERVICE
MARSKIDDIES' MAS

Mother and Five Little Ones
on Lapland Held, Although
Father Is in Ohio.

SHIP BRINGS IN \$1,500,000

Because five-year-old Hannah Wood-
side, who comes from Belfast, was born
in one eye she and her four sisters
and brothers lost their Christmas
ashes yesterday. The five children, who
range in age from William, 3, to
Florence, 8, with Amelia, Wilhelmina
and Hannah in between, came to this
country yesterday on the Red Star
liner Lapland, now in the White Star
service. Their father is in business in
Saskatoon, Ohio, and has been in this
country some time.

The youngsters kept the passengers
in the second cabin busy for several
days during the trip with speculations
as to what Christmas would bring
them. When the big hurricane hit the
Lapland last Wednesday the children
went to the prospect of Santa Claus not
being able to navigate out to the liner
if the storm continued. Friday night
the passengers pooled their trinkets
and the five diminutive Woodside found
their stockings loaded with toys when
they woke yesterday morning.

Inspectors Detain the Mrs.

Then the immigration inspectors came
about an hour or so later. Looking at
Mrs. Woodside's poor eye and deeming
that all five, with their mother, must go
to Ellis Island for the holiday to be in-
spected in the morning. They went, hug-
ging their toys and weeping at Uncle
Santa's Christmas greeting.

Among the passengers on the Lapland
was Commander Charles Jarrett of the
Automobile Association, and a Special
Constabulary of London, created since
the war began to look after the motor
facilities of the city for private and mil-
itary use. With him was Inspector W. H.
Wells of the Special Constabulary. Mr.
Jarrett, who is one of the pioneers of the
automobile business, was once well
known on the roads of Europe and
taught driving to many of the leaders
of the British speedsters. He was in this
country once before, in 1900, when he
drove the first race of the American
Automobile Association.

"The activities of Henry Ford have
been the worst blow that could have
been struck at the sales of American cars
in England," said Commander Jarrett.
"Not only have Mr. Ford's efforts re-
sulted in a general boycott against his
own machines, but they have caused all
motors from this side to be looked upon
with distrust simply because an English-
man thinking of American cars uncon-
sciously links them with Ford. The war
has done more to injure the reputation
of the motor industry of the United States."

Mr. Jarrett brought the American product to
the attention of the British and he has
been able to realize that it was possible to im-
port a better, cheaper and surer machine
than he had ever got from his own
makers. The American motor, even as
early as last December, was leading in
favor, but now Mr. Ford has started a
tide of feeling that is going to work far
wider the undoing of all this.

War Hampers Woolen Trade.

James F. Douglas, a New York woolen
merchant, complained that the war has
hampers the industry by cutting a
shortage of the finer grades of woolen
yarns from Belgium and Germany, as
a result of which coarser and less de-
sirable threads are being used.

When the Lapland docked at C. Smith
of Roseland, Ind., was wheeled ashore
in an invalid's chair, his back broken
as a result of a fall of slate in a Welsh
mine. He went aboard last July to
demonstrate a new coal cutter for the
Sullivan Machinery Company, and when
showing its method of operation an ac-
cident caused the mine roof to fall in
pinning him under tons of earth. He
was dug out alive and it is now believed
that he may recover completely.

There was \$1,500,000 in specie in the
hold of the liner, besides 1,326 sacks of
wheat and 634 barrel of potatoes. The
Lapland carried seventy-one first cabin
passengers, sixty-second and 154
steerage.

NAVY YARD GAY FOR XMAS.

Six First Line Fighting Ships
Spend Holiday Here.

Six first line fighting ships of Uncle
Sam's navy, all of the first division of
the North Atlantic fleet, spent Christ-
mas in the local navy yard, which took
on a holiday attire scarcely equalled by
any other. Of course the centre of attrac-
tion was the New York's Christmas party for
youngsters, but the other ships' crews—
most of that part of the crew which had
to remain on board—had celebrations of
their own and every ship in the yard was
fitted with Christmas trees, green and
white bunting.

The vessels now in the yard besides
the Arizona, which is building, are the
New York, Arkansas, Wyoming, Texas,
Louis and Florida. Visitors there had
a party all afternoon. Girls in Christ-
mas finery were entertained above and
below decks. The ships' interiors were
as cozy as only a sailor's ingenuity can
make them, and the atmosphere was
entirely festive.

On each vessel each division decorated
its own casemate—that is the division's
living quarters—with green, holly and
bunting and each had its own Christ-
mas tree well laden with tinsel, bright
lights and electric lights.

A huge party of the crew, which re-
ceived shore leave on Friday and will not
return until tomorrow. Some have
longed for shore leave for some time
and will work their way down to the target
ranges on the Atlantic.

300 PRISONERS EAT CHICKEN.

Warden at Queens Jail Announces
That a Chapel Will Be Built.

Each of the 300 prisoners, 153 men
and 147 women, in the Queens jail got
a chicken dinner yesterday on the or-
ders of Commissioner Katharine B.
Davis of the Department of Charities.
Warden Robert Barr was in charge. An
amusement was given by amateur and
professional entertainers in the after-
noon.

Warden Barr announced during the
dinner that he had just completed plans
for the construction of a prison chapel,
which will be used for entertainments
and moving picture shows as well as for
religious services. This programme is
in accordance with the plans of Com-
missioner Davis for bettering conditions
in the prisons.

The Commissioner has been endeavor-
ing to get funds from the city for the
chapel, but was unsuccessful. Warden
Barr then prepared plans for a chapel
to accommodate about 225 persons in part
of the old administration building. It
has enlisted the services of cabinet mak-
ers, carpenters, masons and electrical
workers in jail. The only cost to the
city will be for the construction of the
chapel.

Warden Barr recently had a wall built
about the prison so as to allow the pris-
oners to take outdoor exercise. The wall
was built by prison labor and cost only
\$1,000 to the material.

NEWSBOYS REVEAL
AMAZING APPETITES

Hundreds Stuffed and Enter-
tained at the Brace Me-
morial House.

PRESENT FOR EACH ONE

Here's the Turkey, Halloo!
Whoop! How are you? Merry
Christmas! It was a Turkey!
He never could have stood
Upon his legs, that Bird.

That was the way Mr. Dickens felt
about it, and Charles Dickens was a lot
of bunched more real Christmas spirit
and feeling in a very few words than
most anybody who ever tried to write.
Somehow one thought of him yesterday
afternoon as 500 homeless lads enjoyed
a real Christmas at the Brace Memorial
Newsboys' House, at 14 New Chambers
street.

Around and about the whole affair
was just the sort of atmosphere that
Dickens loved—long tables groaning and
creaking under a perfectly impossible
weight of turkey and trimmings; hun-
dreds of boys, all with a boy's marvel-
ous appetite, laboring desperately to be
dignified and well behaved and yet ex-
ploding every now and then with yells
that must have been heard as far as the
river; the plump, red checked women
who as volunteers were waiting on the
tables and making it their special busi-
ness to see that each and every boy was
stuffed to the brim with the entertain-
ment of singing and dancing and
magicians' tricks that followed, and
finally the great sparkling Christmas
tree, with its hundreds of gleaming
candies and with its base quite conceiv-
ably the vast stack of presents—a present
for each boy.

The dinner began at 5 P. M., when the
first lot of boys were admitted to the
room on the second floor. For half an
hour there was a tremendous clatter of
dishes and a greater clatter of tongues,
as the boys, who were quite well man-
aged, munched and swilled and then
demanded the attention of "Pinky" or
"Mickey" or "Frost Face" or "Buttons".
There were so many boys that dinner
had to be served to about 250 at a time.
The menu offered Maryland turkey, Vir-
ginia ham, celery, potatoes au gratin,
cream, turnips, rolls, assorted cakes,
mince pie, nuts, candies and coffee
with a lot of pleasant little things
that filled such spaces as the more im-
portant items left vacant.

After all the boys were quite stuffed—
and stuffed just about expressed their
beatitude—there was a grand rush for
the assembly room on the third floor,
where the vaudeville entertainment
started at 8 P. M. Earl Carroll, the song
writer, assisted by Al Matthews at the
piano; Jess Drier, a ragtime pianist; Je-
rome M. Rose, with songs; and other pro-
fessional entertainers made fun for the
lads and then a company of the news-
boys presented a sketch they called
"The Christmas Tree." It was a very
good one, and the boys were much
pleased to see that this piece went un-
derappreciated.

At the last of the big Christmas tree
illumination and Supper William Lewis
Butcher called every boy forward and
handed him a present. Most of them re-
ceived a box of talcum powder, a cake
of soap, a toothbrush and tooth paste,
some neckties. For all there was
candy. Mr. Butcher himself was very
happily surprised when Eddie Devine,
one of the newsboys, presented to him
a gold watch which had been purchased
by the contributions of the lads.

This Christmas marked also the first
appearance of the *Brace Memorial News*,
a four page newspaper which is ap-
pear twice a month and which will con-
tain all the interesting news of the do-
ings of the Brace House boys and of
those who have grown up and left the
protection of the house.

Comparatively few of the boys who
enjoyed last night's dinner and enter-
tainment are newsboys, hardly a tenth
of the number in fact. The majority
were homeless boys, many of them
runaways from somewhere or other who
would have had a very long and dis-
tasteful Christmas had it not been for
the generosity of the Brace foundation.

Among the visitors who looked on were
Bernard Jansen, Wendell, William M.
Fleiss, a son of the late William M.
Fleiss, who originated the annual Christ-
mas celebrations; H. J. Holt and Robert
Brace.

SERVICES AT CATHEDRALS.

St. John's and St. Patrick's Both
Observe the Holiday.

St. John's Cathedral was filled yester-
day morning when Bishop Greer, Dean
Grosvener, Canon Nelson and Jones and
the choir conducted an elaborate service.
The Rev. Mr. Greer was the preacher and
he compared the present piercing of Chris-
tianity, putting it to the test by the
great war, to the piercing of the side of
Christ. He told of a man who sug-
gested that the Christian religion lay
itself away in a box until the war is
over, then take it off the lid and do
business again.

"If Christianity were no more than
that," said the Bishop, "it were idle at
the end of the war to lift the lid. Let it
stay in the box, or anywhere else. Chris-
tianity prepared to help man to con-
quer with God's aid, every difficulty,
not alone when it is easy, but when it is
hard. Christianity is the world's re-
deemptive force. No other force will ever
give the world peace."

At St. Patrick's Cathedral high
pontifical mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock
with Cardinal Farley as celebrant.
Fathers McGuire and Quinn were the
co-celebrants. A sermon was given in a
course preached by Father O'Rourke.

TO MEET NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Citizens' Committee Will Pay Trib-
ute to Jacob Rits.

The Citizens' New Year's Eve Com-
mittee, founded by the late Jacob A.
Rits, will hold its annual exercise at
Madison Square on New Year's eve. The
celebration will begin at 11 P. M. on
December 31 and end shortly after the
new year has arrived.

The exercises will be in memory of
Jacob A. Rits, and shortly before mid-
night there will be a moment of silence
dedicated to him. At 12 o'clock songs will
be sung by the alumni and students of
various colleges having delegations
present. The first number will be by a
body of 350 Columbia students. The
Rus and the choir will close with the
singing of "America" by the entire gathering.

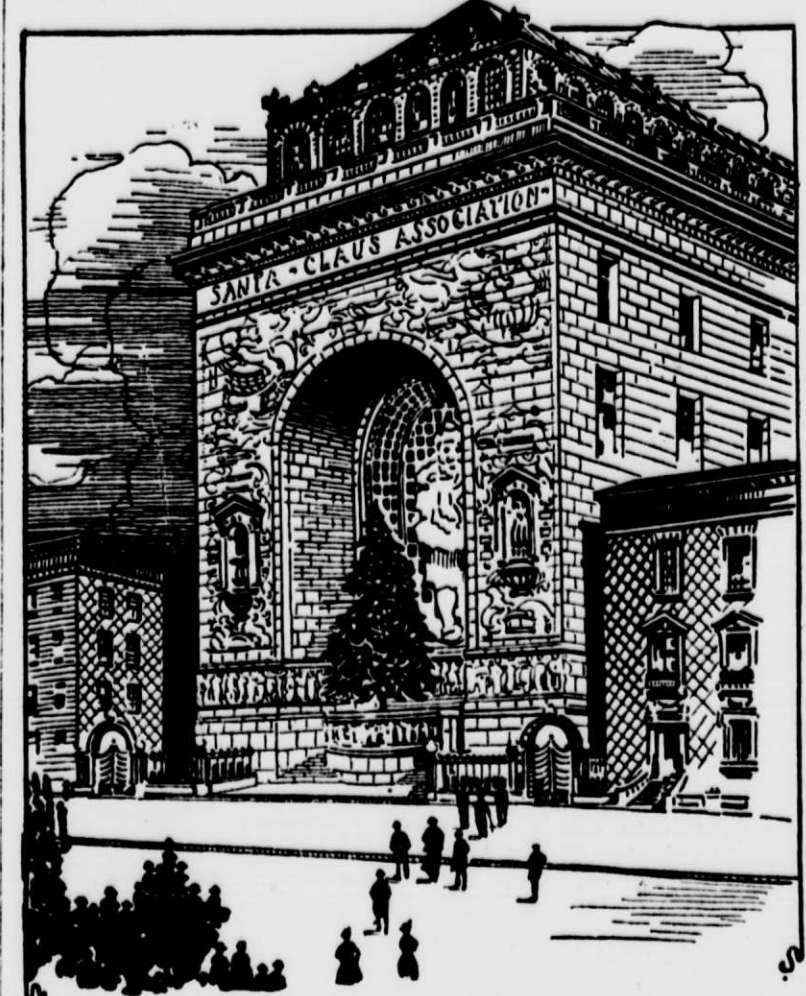
The Citizens' committee is made up of
seventy-five prominent New Yorkers,
headed by Theodore Roosevelt as per-
manent honorary chairman.

KILLED AT CROSSING BY AUTO.

Unidentified Victim Had Cards of
S. N. Lestansky.

An unidentified man was run down
and killed by an automobile at Sterling
place and Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn,
last night. The chauffeur, Harry Rich-
ardson, employed by the Pitkin Garage
Company, was arrested on a charge of
homicide.

Cards in the dead man's clothing bore
the name of S. N. Lestansky of 338
East Thirtieth street.

SANTA CLAUS BUILDING
RIGHT HERE IS PLANNED

Sketch of the facade of the proposed home of the Santa Claus Association.

A Santa Claus building right here in
New York!

That is the latest plan of the Santa
Claus Association, which has been as-
sisting the old man from Pearyville in
the difficult problem of distribution here
in the city for yesterday made it three
years. New York is so large that a
little help here means a great help in
adequately covering Mad-cas-car and
Kam-chaska and South Borneo and
all the other extremities of the Chris-
mas route that the reindeer must travel
in order that no child, whether he be
languid or neutral, white or yellow
or black, shall be omitted from the tale
of gifts and cheer.

And the Santa Claus Association has
decided that there should be a building,
a building that should be to the main
factories of 8 Claus & Co.—located as all
the world knows a day and a night's
journey north-northeast of the north
pole, which is a point incidentally very
hard to reach—as the New York Sub-
way is to the National Treasury in
Washington.

Where the building may be constructed
has not been decided. That has been
left to Douglas Robinson, to East Forty-
fifth street, who will confer with the
executive committee of the association
at frequent intervals on the matter.
The building, which will be the sim-
plest problem in the world. It will
come from everybody. It is an open
secret—Santa Claus himself admits it.
The money will come from the most
generous of sources. The building will
never have been achieved without the
very wide cooperation of the people of
the several nations.

MUSIC OF AMERICA
'ROUND THE WORLD

Because of War, Churches
Everywhere Echo to Com-
posers of U. S.

Christmas music in the churches of
New York yesterday was unlike any pre-
vious Christmas programme ever known.
The reason was the war. Because of
the war German music composers are
engaged in far different tasks. Little
German music has been composed for
two years. English and French com-
posers have been at the front; many
have given up their lives.

In this juncture American composers
came forward, so that never before did
America know a Christmas when so
much American composed music was
sung. Not only were American churches
supplied with American composed music
yesterday—and the music will be re-
peated to-day—but American music pub-
lishers for the first time exported music
to England, and to South Africa and
Australia, markets which England and
France and Germany have always heretofore
supplied.

Eighteen new choruses were heard
yesterday, many of them composed by
New York organists and choir masters.
In New York churches, as never, on
previous Christmas, the violin accompani-
ment was heard. The principal auxil-
iary to the organ. The new American
music calls for the violin accompani-
ment as no foreign music has ever done.

The composers who have been most
reached in Christmas music offerings are
T. Tertius Noble, organist and choirmas-
ter at St. Thomas's Church, formerly of
the Cathedral at York, England. Some
of his new compositions were heard yester-
day and will be repeated to-day.

Others are Clarence Dickinson of the
Brick Presbyterian Church and Mrs.
Dickinson, Harry Lowe Shelley, formerly
of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, and
Horatio Parker of Yale. A new com-
poser, Miss Irene Berger, gave this ses-
sion "The Cradle of Bethlehem." Two
new songs for public religious worship
in churches were "The New Born King"
by Harper and "In a Manger Lowly" by
Mabel W. Daniels.

Formerly Easter music commanded the
field, but American composers, getting
the field because of the war, have given
Christmas music the place of honor. The
American music publishers say that
American Christmas music composers
now lead the world; that American pub-
lishers put up church music in the best
form, and that because of the war Amer-
ican music was sung yesterday all over
the world.

THREE KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Two Girls and a Man Run Down
at Avoca, N. Y.

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Marie Mc-
Chesney, aged 19, a school teacher, and
Ethel McChesney, aged 17, daughters of
Mrs. Omar McChesney of Avoca, and Ben-
jamin Harrison, aged 21, of Corning,
were run down and killed by a Lackawanna
freight train this morning at
Avoca as they were crossing the tracks
to reach the station platform.

Harrison had just alighted from a pas-
senger train to spend Christmas Day
with Marie McChesney, his fiancée.

WOMEN IN SCRAMBLE
AT FREE BREAD DEPOT

Place in Rush to Get Christ-
mas Baskets.

The reported bread riots of Europe
had nothing on THE SUN free bread
depot at 2 Prince street yesterday morn-
ing, where Tom Merry and Dick Bright
stood off a crowd of women who threat-
ened to wreck the place until reinforce-
ments arrived in the form of a police-
man, who reduced the crowd to order
and lined the women up so Tom and
Dick could hand out the Christmas
baskets to those who were entitled to them.

The trouble started when fifty women
marched over from the mission just
across the Bowery. They had a great
deal of previously been investigated by
the mission for THE SUN. They ex-
pected that the baskets would be given
out at the mission, but some of them had
arrived two hours before the scheduled
time. They could not be made to leave
the mission, where heretofore they had
received charity, to go to THE SUN
depot. Many of them were foreign
women, who could not understand what
was told them, and it was not until one
of the mission attendants went with
them that they could be persuaded to depart.

The fifty women crossing the Bowery,
each with a new soiled card calling for
a basket, naturally attracted a great
deal of attention, and recruiting was
soon as soon as the word was passed
that free baskets were going to be
handed out. The women, many of whom
reached THE SUN depot in numbers
several hundred and included many who
did not know what it was all about, but
were sure they were entitled to a basket.
Tom Merry saw them just in time to
jump inside and slam the door. It was
no use to tell them that only those who
had baskets would receive them. In the
first place they could not understand
English and in the second place if they
could it would have been impossible to
near because bedlam had broken loose.
Finally the policeman arrived, and one
at a time those with cards were allowed
to pass through the door and receive
baskets.

When the bread depot opened at 2
o'clock in the afternoon there was
nothing like the crowd of the morning.
In fact there was not even a line.
The free bread was beginning to be
distributed about 300 loaves,
however, before 5 o'clock.

The following unsolicited contributions
for the bread depot have been received:
S. C. P., \$10; M. L. C., \$2; Sidney F.
Russon, \$10; L. C. L., \$1.

JOHN D. GIVES OUT GOLD.

Thousands of Dollars in Coin Dis-
tributed Among Employees.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 25.—John D.
Rockefeller today distributed thousands
of dollars in gold to employees on his
estate, the local telephone and telegraph
operators and station employees. He
even sent gold gifts to the gatekeepers at
the railroad crossing.

Every chauffeur and member of his
office force was remembered with a ten
dollar gold piece, and the employees
holding more important positions re-
ceived larger amounts.
Mr. Rockefeller is still at Lakewood.

PITTSBURG PRAISES
HENRY C. FRICK'S ACT

Their Savings Saved, 40,000
Children Praise Him
Great and Good.

BRINGS MERRY CHRISTMAS

Pittsburgh, Dec. 25.—It was a happy
Christmas for 40,000 school children of
this district when they learned that H. C.
Frick, in the role of Santa Claus, had
announced that he would reimburse them
the \$100,000 they lost when the Pitts-
burg Bank for Savings closed its doors
on Wednesday. In many homes the in-
cident had blighted the usual joy of
Yuletide, but Mr. Frick's gracious act
wrought a veritable transformation.
Throughout the city he is being pro-
claimed and was lauded in sermons de-
livered from the pulpits of all denomina-
tions during Christmas service today.

Mr. Frick has announced through ad-
vertisements in all the newspapers that
he would pay in full the \$100,000 which
the school children deposited in the de-
funct bank. For years the collectors
of the bank had visited the schoolhouses
weekly, gathering their pennies, nickels
and dimes saved by the pupils. The dis-
appointment which followed the closing
of the bank, which had a total of \$100,-
000 of deposits, was most acute
among the children, and the surprise
sprung by Mr. Frick caused a wave of
rejoicing in thousands of homes. He
had no interest in the closed bank.

The money will be paid to the chil-
dren when they return to school on
January 3. The necessity of transfer-
ring accounts to the Union Savings
Bank, of which Mr. Frick is a director,
prevents earlier payment.

GENERAL MOTORS MEN TO MEET

Will Consider Durant Move for
New Control by Chevrolet.

Detroit, Dec. 25.—A special meeting
of the directors of the General Motors
Company has been called for Monday to
consider the action of W. C. Durant,
president of the company and president
of the Chevrolet Motor Company, in
giving control of General Motors to the
Chevrolet.

A meeting of directors was scheduled
for January 2 to consider a similar col-
lection, but the officers of the corporation
felt that some action should be taken to
find where matters stand. J. J. Starrow
of Lee, Higginson & Co., chairman of the
finance committee, issued a statement
Friday to General Motors stockholders
advising them to refuse exchange stock
for Chevrolet, as he did not consider the
exchange to be for their best interests.

LOSES LEG SAVING XMAS DOLL.

Little Girl Jumps After Plaything
In Front of Train.

Trying to save her doll from being
run over by a West End elevated train
yesterday at the Sixty-second street
and New York avenue crossing, little
Jennie Tard, 3 years old, of 1412 Sixty-
fourth street, Brooklyn, her left leg.
Jennie and her parents were going to
have Christmas dinner at a relative's
home in Manhattan. They were waiting
for a train. Jennie's doll was a small
one. It came to her yesterday morning
from Santa Claus. In her excitement
at watching other children with their
dolls her little doll slipped from her
arms and fell on the tracks as a train
approached.

She jumped down on the tracks too
late for the motorman, John Roach, to
stop his train. John Praceola, who
lives at her home, was the first to see
the plight of Jennie. In trying to save
her he was knocked senseless.

Jennie was hurried to the Norwegian
Hospital, where it was found that her
leg was so badly crushed that it had to
be amputated.

BABY DIES UNDER XMAS TREE.

Struggles on a Marble When
Mother Leaves Him a Moment.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 25.—The Christ-
mas joy of the Harlan Brown family
here was turned to sorrow to-day by the
sudden death of the youngest child as
the result of an accident.

Robert Emerson Brown, 16 months old,
son of Harlan Brown, an expert ac-
countant, was playing under the Christ-
mas tree with his brother, Harlan, Jr.,
7 years old, this morning when his
mother left the room for a moment.

When Mrs. Brown returned she saw
the baby lying on the floor gasping for
breath. She endeavored to revive him
and then summoned Dr. Percy de Stan-
ley.

ATLANTA'S BLOODY YULETIDE.

Four Dead, Five Dying, Twenty-
Five Shot, Fifty Stabbed.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 25.—This was At-
lanta's bloodiest Christmas. Four men
are now dead at Grady Hospital as the
result of a shooting scrape and about
twenty-five others are suffering from
gunshot wounds. Fifty more are victims
of cutting affairs, according to reports
from the hospital. Five men are not
expected to live.

Most of the dead and wounded are
negroes. Pandemonium broke loose
at 2 o'clock this morning in the ne-
gro district. The wounded, some shot,
some stabbed, some slashed with razors
and others with dirks, flooded Grady
Hospital, making this Christmas season
the worst ever recorded in Atlanta.
In police circles it is claimed that the
passage of drastic prohibition laws by
the Legislature which has just adjourned
caused the outbreak of drunkenness and
fighting.

PIG IRON EXCEEDINGLY STRONG

Wire Prices Advanced to Highest
Figures in Many Years.

The Iron Trade Review says: "The
pig iron market is exceedingly strong.
Wire prices have been advanced to the
highest point in many years. The price
of pig iron is higher and the general trend
of quotations is upward. Freight con-
gestion between Pittsburgh and New York is
causing much delay and delay in the
movement of iron and steel products
and machinery.

Inquiries footing up several hundred
thousand tons of bars for export, prin-
cipally large rounds for the manufac-
ture of shells, are pending.

Blue annealed sheets are extremely
scarce and difficult to get at any price.
Owing to the high price of spelter many
galvanizing departments of sheet plants
have suspended operations. Old material
is active and coke is stronger."

Gives Husband Bullet as Xmas Gift.

Emily Lee, 34 years old, of 28 Jane
street, was taken to the Charles street
police station last night charged with
shooting her husband, William, as he
lay sleeping. Lee was taken to St.
Vincent's Hospital with a bullet wound
in his face. Mrs. Lee explained that
she had bought the revolver as a
Christmas surprise for her husband.

Stern Brothers

42nd and 43rd Streets, West of Fifth Avenue.

Prior to their Annual January Clearance Sales, have
prepared a Very Special Offering, To-morrow, of

Women's High Class Tailored Suits

Taken from regular stock, among which will be found later models for all dress and sport
occasions, made of serges, diagonals, broadcloths, gabardines and corduroys

at \$16.50, 22.50 and 29.50

BEING ABOUT ONE-HALF FORMER PRICES

Correspondingly large reductions have also been made on all High Cost Tailored
Suits and Dresses, providing excellent values throughout the entire stock.

Women's Coats and Wraps Greatly Reduced

Stylish Street and Motor Coats

in tweed mixtures, chinchilla and
other desirable materials,

at \$16.50 and 20.00

Women's Dressy Coats

of broadtail cloth, chiffon broadcloth, velour
de laine, velour and corduroy; fur trimmed

at \$27.50 and 35.00

Silks and Velvets

(On the Main Floor)

A MOST EXCEPTIONAL SALE OF
SHORT LENGTHS, TO-MORROW,